

At nightfall small flocks arrive at the water-holes in quick succession, and for about 20 minutes after sunset the air is filled with their soft guttural call-note, which, once heard, is never forgotten, and seems to be common to all the species of Sand-grouse I have met with.

119. *PTERNISTES INFUSCATUS* Cab.; Salvad. Mem. R. Accad. Sci. Torino, (2) xliv. p. 562.

No. 122. ♂. Sogsoda, Feb. 2, 1897. Iris brown.

No. 285. ♀. The Gooban, Mar. 22, ,, ,, ,,

120. *FRANCOLINUS KIRKI* Hartl.; Grant, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xxii. p. 149 (1893).

No. 157. ♀. Sogsoda, Feb. 19, 1897.

No. 185. ♂. ,, ,, ,, Iris brown.

This Francolin has been determined for me by Mr. Ogilvie Grant.

121. *FRANCOLINUS LORTI* Sharpe, Bull. Brit. Orn. Club, vi. p. xlvii. (Plate X.)

No. 213. ♂. Wagga Mountain, 9000 feet.

This Francolin is most nearly allied to *F. gutturalis*, with the dotted line of spots skirting the throat more continuous and not separate, so that they form a line. It approaches *F. uluensis* in having a white patch on the sides of the neck spotted with black. The chestnut patches on the feathers of the fore-neck and chest are much deeper in colour, and the black markings on the rest of the underparts are very narrow and linear or arrow-shaped. The flanks are very scantily marked with the same deep chestnut-brown as the chest. The rufous on the quill-lining is much less and is almost confined to the basal half, resembling *F. uluensis*.

Total length 12·5 inches, culmen 1, wing 6·6, tail 4·75, tarsus 1·75.

XXXVI.—*Proceedings at the Anniversary Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union, 1898.*

THE Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union was held at the rooms of the Zoological Society of

London, 3 Hanover Square (by permission of the Council of that Society), on Wednesday, the 11th of May, at 6 P.M., Mr. F. DuCANE GODMAN, F.R.S., President, in the Chair. The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting having been read and confirmed, the Report of the Committee was read. It stated that among the losses of Members by death since the last Anniversary they had to record the names of Sir John W. P. Campbell-Orde, Bt., Mr. William Graham, Sir George Lawson, K.C.B., Mr. H. Stacey Marks, R.A., Mr. D. Meinertzhagen, and Mr. C. Bygrave Wharton.

Four Members had withdrawn, and the elections of three others had been cancelled for non-payment of their entrance-fees and subscriptions.

The number of the Members of the Union was 324, consisting of 294 Ordinary, 1 Extraordinary, 9 Honorary, and 20 Foreign Members.

There were 27 Candidates for the Ordinary Membership and 1 for the Honorary Membership to be balloted for.

The General Index of 'The Ibis' for the years 1877-1894 had been completed and issued to the Subscribers. It had been prepared upon the same plan as its predecessor, and formed a volume of 471 pages. As would be seen by the accounts submitted to the Meeting, the cost of this Index had been defrayed, but the finances of the Union had been somewhat taxed thereby, so that the contemplated Subject Index could not be proceeded with until the state of funds of the Union should justify the outlay. This desired result would be greatly hastened if those Members who had not already done so would purchase the 'General Index' now ready, without which their sets of 'The Ibis' could not be considered complete.

The Committee proposed to close the subscription of £1 1s. for the two Index-volumes on August 1st next, after which date the price of *each* Index would be £1 1s.

The Report having been adopted, the accounts for the year were presented by the Secretary, and approved by the Meeting.

The following 27 Candidates were then balloted for and

declared to be duly elected Ordinary Members of the British Ornithologists' Union :—Ivers Bland, Newbold Firs, Leamington : George Albert Booth, Fern Hill, Grange-over-Sands : Alfred Heneage Cocks, F.Z.S., Thames Bank, Gt. Marlow : The Hon. Richard Coke, Scots Guards : Alan F. Crossman, St. Cuthbert's, Berkhamsted : Reginald A. Crowley, Highfield, Alton : The Hon. John J. Dalrymple, Scots Guards : Lieut. Stuart St. J. Farquhar, R.N., H.M.S. 'Eclipse' : George E. Foster, J.P., Brooklands, Cambridge : Lieut. Anthony F. Gurney, R.N., H.M.S. 'Wigeon' : Charles R. Haines, M.A., Meadhurst, Uppingham : The Rev. James R. Hale, B.A., Yalding, Kent : Richard Hawker, Bath Club, Dover Street, London, W. : A. Ernest Learoyd, Rawthorpe Hall, Huddersfield : Dudley Le Souëf, Zoological Gardens, Melbourne : William L. S. Loat, F.Z.S., Newland, Coleford, Gloucestershire : Herbert Massey, Ivy Lea, Burnage, Withington, Manchester : Aymer E. Maxwell, Grenadier Guards : Horace C. Monro, Queen Anne's Mansions, S.W. : Arthur Newall, Wilsford House, near Salisbury : Eric Frank Penn, Taverham Hall, Norwich : Athelstan E. Price, Broxbourne, Herts : Edward M. H. Riddell, 9 Minster Yard, Lincoln : Herbert C. Robinson, Holmwood, Aigburth, Liverpool : Henry Scherren, 9 Cavendish Road, Harringay, N. : William Stirling, Fairburn, Muir of Ord, N.B. : and Joseph Wiglesworth, M.D., County Asylum, Rainhill, Lancashire.

Dr. Emil A. Goeldi, of the Museu Paraense, Pará, Brazil, was also balloted for and elected an Honorary Member.

Mr. F. DuCane Godman, F.R.S., was re-elected President, and Mr. Osbert Salvin, M.A., F.R.S., Secretary of the Union for the ensuing year, and Mr. E. W. Oates was elected into the Committee in the place of Mr. J. E. Harting, who retired by seniority.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Meeting adjourned.

The Annual Dinner, subsequently held at Limmer's Hotel, was attended by 33 Members and guests.